Acquisition of plots by CSIR in West Bengal

2104. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research is ready to pay rupees four lakh to Government of West Bengal being the cost of some plots acquired by the Council in the year 1983 from the Government of West Bengal;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was any proposal for building up any of their officers by the Council in Kalyani;

(d) if so, whether any office of CSIR has been built; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposed payment is on account of contingent liability fixed by Government of West Bengal towards repairing damage to the area acquired by CSIR at Kalyani in 1963.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir, there was a proposal to shift Indian Institute of Chemical Biology from Jadavpur to Kalyani, West Bengal.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) It was decided to continue the Institute at Jadavpur itself due to the availability of various facilities includng closer proximity to the hospitals and medical research institute in Calcutta, which were considered conducive to the efficient functioning of the Institute.

Shifting of imports/exports items

2105. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a confidential letter recommending shifting of certain items of imports and exports was sent by Department of Science and Technology to the Commerce Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Director of Department of Science and Technology had endorsed a copy of this letter to Madras based company for information;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any objection has been taken by a rival company for giving this information to Madras firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Letters recommending the placement of certain items in the schedules of imports and exports are sent to the Ministry of Commerce from time to time.

(b) and (c) A Madras based company whose R&D unit is recognised by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research had sought recommendation in support of their indigenous R & D efforts; a copy of the relevant recommendation was sent to the company for information.

(d) Yes, Sir.